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<b>(57) Abstract</b>  The sequence of 5' ESTs derived from mRNAs encoding secreted proteins are disclosed. The 5' ESTs may be to obtain cDNAs, and genomic DNAs corresponding to the 5' ESTs. The 5' ESTs may also be used in diagnostic, forensic, gene therapy, and chromosome mapping procedures. Upstream regulatory sequences may also be obtained using the 5' ESTs. The 5' ESTs may also be used to design expression vectors and secretion vectors.		

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## 5' ESTs FOR SECRETED PROTEINS IDENTIFIED FROM BRAIN TISSUES

### Background of the Invention

The estimated 50,000-100,000 genes scattered along the human chromosomes offer tremendous promise for the understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of human diseases. In addition, probes capable of specifically hybridizing to loci distributed throughout the human genome find applications in the construction of high resolution chromosome maps and in the identification of individuals.

In the past, the characterization of even a single human gene was a painstaking process, requiring years of effort. Recent developments in the areas of cloning vectors, DNA sequencing, and computer technology have merged to greatly accelerate the rate at which human genes can be isolated, sequenced, mapped, and characterized. Cloning vectors such as yeast artificial chromosomes (YACs) and bacterial artificial chromosomes (BACs) are able to accept DNA inserts ranging from 300 to 1000 kilobases (kb) or 100-400 kb in length respectively, thereby facilitating the manipulation and ordering of DNA sequences distributed over great distances on the human chromosomes. Automated DNA sequencing machines permit the rapid sequencing of human genes. Bioinformatics software enables the comparison of nucleic acid and protein sequences, thereby assisting in the characterization of human gene products.

Currently, two different approaches are being pursued for identifying and characterizing the genes distributed along the human genome. In one approach, large fragments of genomic DNA are isolated, cloned, and sequenced. Potential open reading frames in these genomic sequences are identified using bioinformatics software. However, this approach entails sequencing large stretches of human DNA which do not encode proteins in order to find the protein encoding sequences scattered throughout the genome. In addition to requiring extensive sequencing, the bioinformatics software may mischaracterize the genomic sequences obtained. Thus, the software may produce false positives in which non-coding DNA is mischaracterized as coding DNA or false negatives in which coding DNA is mislabeled as non-coding DNA.

An alternative approach takes a more direct route to identifying and characterizing human genes. In this approach, complementary DNAs (cDNAs) are synthesized from isolated messenger RNAs (mRNAs) which encode human proteins. Using this approach,

sequencing is only performed on DNA which is derived from protein coding portions of the genome. Often, only short stretches of the cDNAs are sequenced to obtain sequences called expressed sequence tags (ESTs). The ESTs may then be used to isolate or purify extended cDNAs which include sequences adjacent to the EST sequences. The extended cDNAs may  
5 contain all of the sequence of the EST which was used to obtain them or only a portion of the sequence of the EST which was used to obtain them. In addition, the extended cDNAs may contain the full coding sequence of the gene from which the EST was derived or, alternatively, the extended cDNAs may include portions of the coding sequence of the gene from which the EST was derived. It will be appreciated that there may be several extended  
10 cDNAs which include the EST sequence as a result of alternate splicing or the activity of alternative promoters.

In the past, these short EST sequences were often obtained from oligo-dT primed cDNA libraries. Accordingly, they mainly corresponded to the 3' untranslated region of the mRNA. In part, the prevalence of EST sequences derived from the 3' end of the mRNA is a  
15 result of the fact that typical techniques for obtaining cDNAs are not well suited for isolating cDNA sequences derived from the 5' ends of mRNAs. (Adams *et al.*, *Nature* 377:3-174, 1996; Hillier *et al.*, *Genome Res.* 6:807-828, 1996).

In addition, in those reported instances where longer cDNA sequences have been obtained, the reported sequences typically correspond to coding sequences and do not include  
20 the full 5' untranslated region of the mRNA from which the cDNA is derived. Such incomplete sequences may not include the first exon of the mRNA, particularly in situations where the first exon is short. Furthermore, they may not include some exons, often short ones, which are located upstream of splicing sites. Thus, there is a need to obtain sequences derived from the 5' ends of mRNAs.

25 While many sequences derived from human chromosomes have practical applications, approaches based on the identification and characterization of those chromosomal sequences which encode a protein product are particularly relevant to diagnostic and therapeutic uses. Of the 50,000-100,000 protein coding genes, those genes encoding proteins which are secreted from the cell in which they are synthesized, as well as the secreted proteins  
30 themselves, are particularly valuable as potential therapeutic agents. Such proteins are often

involved in cell to cell communication and may be responsible for producing a clinically relevant response in their target cells.

In fact, several secretory proteins, including tissue plasminogen activator, G-CSF, GM-CSF, erythropoietin, human growth hormone, insulin, interferon- $\alpha$ , interferon- $\beta$ ,  
5 interferon- $\gamma$ , and interleukin-2, are currently in clinical use. These proteins are used to treat a wide range of conditions, including acute myocardial infarction, acute ischemic stroke, anemia, diabetes, growth hormone deficiency, hepatitis, kidney carcinoma, chemotherapy induced neutropenia and multiple sclerosis. For these reasons, extended cDNAs encoding secreted proteins or portions thereof represent a particularly valuable source of therapeutic  
10 agents. Thus, there is a need for the identification and characterization of secreted proteins and the nucleic acids encoding them.

In addition to being therapeutically useful themselves, secretory proteins include short peptides, called signal peptides, at their amino termini which direct their secretion. These signal peptides are encoded by the signal sequences located at the 5' ends of the coding  
15 sequences of genes encoding secreted proteins. Because these signal peptides will direct the extracellular secretion of any protein to which they are operably linked, the signal sequences may be exploited to direct the efficient secretion of any protein by operably linking the signal sequences to a gene encoding the protein for which secretion is desired. In addition, portions of signal sequences may also be used to direct the intracellular import of a peptide or protein  
20 of interest. This may prove beneficial in gene therapy strategies in which it is desired to deliver a particular gene product to cells other than the cell in which it is produced. Signal sequences encoding signal peptides also find application in simplifying protein purification techniques. In such applications, the extracellular secretion of the desired protein greatly facilitates purification by reducing the number of undesired proteins from which the desired  
25 protein must be selected. Thus, there exists a need to identify and characterize the 5' portions of the genes for secretory proteins which encode signal peptides.

Public information on the number of human genes for which the promoters and upstream regulatory regions have been identified and characterized is quite limited. In part, this may be due to the difficulty of isolating such regulatory sequences. Upstream regulatory  
30 sequences such as transcription factor binding sites are typically too short to be utilized as probes for isolating promoters from human genomic libraries. Recently, some approaches

have been developed to isolate human promoters. One of them consists of making a CpG island library (Cross, *et al.*, *Nature Genetics* 6: 236-244, 1994). The second consists of isolating human genomic DNA sequences containing SpeI binding sites by the use of SpeI binding protein. (Mortlock *et al.*, *Genome Res.* 6:327-335, 1996). Both of these approaches  
5 have their limits due to a lack of specificity or of comprehensiveness.

The present 5' ESTs may be used to efficiently identify and isolate upstream regulatory regions which control the location, developmental stage, rate, and quantity of protein synthesis, as well as the stability of the mRNA. (Theil, *BioFactors* 4:87-93, 1993). Once identified and characterized, these regulatory regions may be utilized in gene therapy or  
10 protein purification schemes to obtain the desired amount and locations of protein synthesis or to inhibit, reduce, or prevent the synthesis of undesirable gene products.

In addition, ESTs containing the 5' ends of secretory protein genes may include sequences useful as probes for chromosome mapping and the identification of individuals. Thus, there is a need to identify and characterize the sequences upstream of the 5' coding  
15 sequences of genes encoding secretory proteins.

#### Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to purified, isolated, or recombinant ESTs which include sequences derived from the authentic 5' ends of their corresponding mRNAs. The term  
20 "corresponding mRNA" refers to the mRNA which was the template for the cDNA synthesis which produced the 5' EST. These sequences will be referred to hereinafter as "5' ESTs." As used herein, the term "purified" does not require absolute purity; rather, it is intended as a relative definition. Individual 5' EST clones isolated from a cDNA library have been conventionally purified to electrophoretic homogeneity. The sequences obtained from these  
25 clones could not be obtained directly either from the library or from total human DNA. The cDNA clones are not naturally occurring as such, but rather are obtained via manipulation of a partially purified naturally occurring substance (messenger RNA). The conversion of mRNA into a cDNA library involves the creation of a synthetic substance (cDNA) and pure individual cDNA clones can be isolated from the synthetic library by clonal selection. Thus,  
30 creating a cDNA library from messenger RNA and subsequently isolating individual clones from that library results in an approximately  $10^4$ - $10^6$  fold purification of the native message.

Purification of starting material or natural material to at least one order of magnitude, preferably two or three orders, and more preferably four or five orders of magnitude is expressly contemplated.

As used herein, the term "isolated" requires that the material be removed from its original environment (e.g., the natural environment if it is naturally occurring). For example, a naturally-occurring polynucleotide present in a living animal is not isolated, but the same polynucleotide, separated from some or all of the coexisting materials in the natural system, is isolated.

As used herein, the term "recombinant" means that the 5' EST is adjacent to "backbone" nucleic acid to which it is not adjacent in its natural environment. Additionally, to be "enriched" the 5' ESTs will represent 5% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in a population of nucleic acid backbone molecules. Backbone molecules according to the present invention include nucleic acids such as expression vectors, self-replicating nucleic acids, viruses, integrating nucleic acids, and other vectors or nucleic acids used to maintain or manipulate a nucleic acid insert of interest. Preferably, the enriched 5' ESTs represent 15% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of recombinant backbone molecules. More preferably, the enriched 5' ESTs represent 50% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of recombinant backbone molecules. In a highly preferred embodiment, the enriched 5' ESTs represent 90% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of recombinant backbone molecules.

"Stringent", moderate, and "low" hybridization conditions are as defined in Example 29.

Unless otherwise indicated, a "complementary" sequence is fully complementary.

Thus, 5' ESTs in cDNA libraries in which one or more 5' ESTs make up 5% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the backbone molecules are "enriched recombinant 5' ESTs" as defined herein. Likewise, 5' ESTs in a population of plasmids in which one or more 5' EST of the present invention have been inserted such that they represent 5% or more of the number of inserts in the plasmid backbone are "enriched recombinant 5' ESTs" as defined herein. However, 5' ESTs in cDNA libraries in which 5' ESTs constitute less than 5% of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of backbone molecules, such as libraries in

which backbone molecules having a 5' EST insert are extremely rare, are not "enriched recombinant 5' ESTs."

In particular, the present invention relates to 5' ESTs which are derived from genes encoding secreted proteins. As used herein, a "secreted" protein is one which, when expressed in a suitable host cell, is transported across or through a membrane, including transport as a result of signal peptides in its amino acid sequence. "Secreted" proteins include without limitation proteins secreted wholly (e.g. soluble proteins), or partially (e.g. receptors) from the cell in which they are expressed. "Secreted" proteins also include without limitation proteins which are transported across the membrane of the endoplasmic reticulum.

Such 5' ESTs include nucleic acid sequences, called signal sequences, which encode signal peptides which direct the extracellular secretion of the proteins encoded by the genes from which the 5' ESTs are derived. Generally, the signal peptides are located at the amino termini of secreted proteins.

Secreted proteins are translated by ribosomes associated with the "rough" endoplasmic reticulum. Generally, secreted proteins are co-translationally transferred to the membrane of the endoplasmic reticulum. Association of the ribosome with the endoplasmic reticulum during translation of secreted proteins is mediated by the signal peptide. The signal peptide is typically cleaved following its co-translational entry into the endoplasmic reticulum.

After delivery to the endoplasmic reticulum, secreted proteins may proceed through the Golgi apparatus. In the Golgi apparatus, the proteins may undergo post-translational modification before entering secretory vesicles which transport them across the cell membrane.

The 5' ESTs of the present invention have several important applications. For example, they may be used to obtain and express cDNA clones which include the full protein coding sequences of the corresponding gene products, including the authentic translation start sites derived from the 5' ends of the coding sequences of the mRNAs from which the 5' ESTs are derived. These cDNAs will be referred to hereinafter as "full length cDNAs." These cDNAs may also include DNA derived from mRNA sequences upstream of the translation start site. The full length cDNA sequences may be used to express the proteins corresponding to the 5' ESTs. As discussed above, secreted proteins are therapeutically important. Thus, the proteins expressed from the cDNAs may be useful in treating or

controlling a variety of human conditions. The 5' ESTs may also be used to obtain the corresponding genomic DNA. The term "corresponding genomic DNA" refers to the genomic DNA which encodes the mRNA from which the 5' EST was derived.

Alternatively, the 5' ESTs may be used to obtain and express extended cDNAs  
5 encoding portions of the secreted protein. The portions may comprise the signal peptides of the secreted proteins or the mature proteins generated when the signal peptide is cleaved off. The portions may also comprise polypeptides having at least 10 consecutive amino acids encoded by the extended cDNAs or full length cDNAs. Alternatively, the portions may  
10 comprise at least 15 consecutive amino acids encoded by the extended cDNAs or full length cDNAs. In some embodiments, the portions may comprise at least 25 consecutive amino acids encoded by the extended cDNAs or full length cDNAs. In other embodiments, the portions may comprise at least 40 amino acids encoded by the extended cDNAs or full length cDNAs.

Antibodies which specifically recognize the entire secreted proteins encoded by the  
15 extended cDNAs, full length cDNAs, or fragments thereof having at least 10 consecutive amino acids, at least 15 consecutive amino acids, at least 25 consecutive amino acids, or at least 40 consecutive amino acids may also be obtained as described below. Antibodies which specifically recognize the mature protein generated when the signal peptide is cleaved may also be obtained as described below. Similarly, antibodies which specifically recognize the  
20 signal peptides encoded by the extended cDNAs or full length cDNAs may also be obtained.

In some embodiments, the extended cDNAs obtained using the 5' ESTs include the signal sequence. In other embodiments, the extended cDNAs obtained using the 5' ESTs may include the full coding sequence for the mature protein (*i.e.* the protein generated when the signal polypeptide is cleaved off). In addition, the extended cDNAs obtained using the 5'  
25 ESTs may include regulatory regions upstream of the translation start site or downstream of the stop codon which control the amount, location, or developmental stage of gene expression.

As discussed above, secreted proteins are therapeutically important. Thus, the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs or full length cDNAs obtained using the 5'  
30 ESTs may be useful in treating or controlling a variety of human conditions.

The 5' ESTs (or cDNAs or genomic DNAs obtained therefrom) may be used in forensic procedures to identify individuals or in diagnostic procedures to identify individuals having genetic diseases resulting from abnormal expression of the genes corresponding to the 5' ESTs. In addition, the present invention is useful for constructing a high resolution map of the human chromosomes.

The present invention also relates to secretion vectors capable of directing the secretion of a protein of interest. Such vectors may be used in gene therapy strategies in which it is desired to produce a gene product in one cell which is to be delivered to another location in the body. Secretion vectors may also facilitate the purification of desired proteins.

The present invention also relates to expression vectors capable of directing the expression of an inserted gene in a desired spatial or temporal manner or at a desired level. Such vectors may include sequences upstream of the 5' ESTs, such as promoters or upstream regulatory sequences.

Finally, the present invention may also be used for gene therapy to control or treat genetic diseases. Signal peptides may also be fused to heterologous proteins to direct their extracellular secretion.

Bacterial clones containing Bluescript plasmids having inserts containing the 5' ESTs of the present invention (SEQ ID NOs: 38-195 are presently stored at 80°C in 4% (v/v) glycerol in the inventor's laboratories under the designations listed next to the SEQ ID NOs in

II). The inserts may be recovered from the deposited materials by growing the appropriate clones on a suitable medium. The Bluescript DNA can then be isolated using plasmid isolation procedures familiar to those skilled in the art such as alkaline lysis minipreps or large scale alkaline lysis plasmid isolation procedures. If desired the plasmid DNA may be further enriched by centrifugation on a cesium chloride gradient, size exclusion chromatography, or anion exchange chromatography. The plasmid DNA obtained using these procedures may then be manipulated using standard cloning techniques familiar to those skilled in the art. Alternatively, a PCR can be done with primers designed at both ends of the EST insertion. The PCR product which corresponds to the 5' EST can then be manipulated using standard cloning techniques familiar to those skilled in the art.

One aspect of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid having the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195 or having a sequence complementary thereto. In one embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

Another aspect of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising at least 10 consecutive bases of the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195 or one of the sequences complementary thereto.

Yet another aspect of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising at least 15 consecutive bases of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195 or one of the sequences complementary thereto. In one embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

A further aspect of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid of at least 15 bases capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195 or one of the sequences complementary to the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195. In one embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

Another aspect of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid encoding a human gene product, said human gene product having a sequence partially encoded by one of the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 38-195.

Still another aspect of the present invention is a method of making a cDNA encoding a human secretory protein, said human secretory protein being partially encoded by one of SEQ ID NOs 38-195, comprising the steps of contacting a collection of mRNA molecules from human cells with a primer comprising at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of a sequence complementary to one of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195; hybridizing said primer to an mRNA in said collection that encodes said protein; reverse transcribing said hybridized primer to make a first cDNA strand from said mRNA; making a second cDNA strand complementary to said first cDNA strand; and isolating the resulting cDNA encoding said protein comprising said first cDNA strand and said second cDNA strand.

Another aspect of the invention is an isolated or purified cDNA encoding a human secretory protein, said human secretory protein comprising the protein encoded by one of SEQ ID NOs 38-195 or a fragment thereof of at least 10 amino acids, said cDNA being obtainable by the method described in the preceding paragraph. In one embodiment, the

cDNA comprises the full protein coding sequence of said protein which sequence is partially included in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195.

Another aspect of the present invention is a method of making a cDNA encoding a human secretory protein that is partially encoded by one of SEQ ID NOs 38-195, comprising the steps of obtaining a cDNA comprising one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195; contacting said cDNA with a detectable probe comprising at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of said sequence of SEQ ID NO: 38-195 or a sequence complementary thereto under conditions which permit said probe to hybridize to said cDNA; identifying a cDNA which hybridizes to said detectable probe; and isolating said cDNA which hybridizes to said probe.

Another aspect of the present invention is an isolated or purified cDNA encoding a human secretory protein, said human secretory protein comprising the protein encoded by one of SEQ ID NOs 38-195 or a fragment thereof of at least 10 amino acids, said cDNA being obtainable by the method described in the preceding paragraph. In one embodiment, the cDNA comprises the full protein coding sequence partially included in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195.

Another aspect of the present invention is a method of making a cDNA comprising one of the sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195, comprising the steps of contacting a collection of mRNA molecules from human cells with a first primer capable of hybridizing to the polyA tail of said mRNA; hybridizing said first primer to said polyA tail; reverse transcribing said mRNA to make a first cDNA strand; making a second cDNA strand complementary to said first cDNA strand using at least one primer comprising at least 15 nucleotides of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs 38-195; and isolating the resulting cDNA comprising said first cDNA strand and said second cDNA strand.

Another aspect of the present invention is an isolated or purified cDNA encoding a human secretory protein, said human secretory protein comprising the protein encoded by one of SEQ ID NOs 38-195 or a fragment thereof of at least 10 amino acids, said cDNA being obtainable by the method described in the preceding paragraph. In one embodiment, the cDNA comprises the full protein coding sequence partially included in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195.

In one embodiment of the method described in the two paragraphs above, the second cDNA strand is made by contacting said first cDNA strand with a first pair of primers, said

first pair of primers comprising a second primer comprising at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs 38-195 and a third primer having a sequence therein which is included within the sequence of said first primer; performing a first polymerase chain reaction with said first pair of nested primers to generate a first PCR product; contacting said first PCR product with a second pair of primers, said second pair of primers comprising a fourth primer, said fourth primer comprising at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of said sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195, and a fifth primer, said fourth and fifth primers being capable of hybridizing to sequences within said first PCR product; and performing a second polymerase chain reaction, thereby generating a second PCR product.

One aspect of the present invention is an isolated or purified cDNA encoding a human secretory protein, said human secretory protein comprising the protein encoded by one of SEQ ID NOs 38-195, or a fragment thereof of at least 10 amino acids, said cDNA being obtainable by the method of the preceding paragraph. In one embodiment, the cDNA comprises the full protein coding sequence partially included in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195.

Another aspect of the present invention is the method described four paragraphs above in which the second cDNA strand is made by contacting said first cDNA strand with a second primer comprising at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195; hybridizing said second primer to said first strand cDNA; and extending said hybridized second primer to generate said second cDNA strand.

Another aspect of the present invention is an isolated or purified cDNA encoding a human secretory protein, said human secretory protein comprising the protein partially encoded by one of SEQ ID NOs 38-195 or comprising a fragment thereof of at least 10 amino acids, said cDNA being obtainable by the method described in the preceding paragraph. In one embodiment, the cDNA comprises the full protein coding sequence partially included in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195.

Another aspect of the present invention is a method of making a protein comprising one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 196-353, comprising the steps of obtaining a cDNA encoding the full protein sequence partially included in one of the sequences of sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195; inserting said cDNA in an expression vector such that said cDNA is

operably linked to a promoter; introducing said expression vector into a host cell whereby said host cell produces the protein encoded by said cDNA; and isolating said protein.

Another aspect of the present invention is an isolated protein obtainable by the method described in the preceding paragraph.

5 Another aspect of the present invention is a method of obtaining a promoter DNA comprising the steps of obtaining DNAs located upstream of the nucleic acids of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195 or the sequences complementary thereto; screening said upstream DNAs to identify a promoter capable of directing transcription initiation; and isolating said DNA comprising said identified promoter. In one embodiment, the obtaining step comprises  
10 chromosome walking from said nucleic acids of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195 or sequences complementary thereto. In another embodiment, the screening step comprises inserting said upstream sequences into a promoter reporter vector. In another embodiment, the screening step comprises identifying motifs in said upstream DNAs which are transcription factor binding sites or transcription start sites.

15 Another aspect of the present invention is an isolated promoter obtainable by the method described above.

Another aspect of the present invention is an isolated or purified protein comprising one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 196-353.

Another aspect of the present invention is the inclusion of at least one of the  
20 sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195, or one of the sequences complementary to the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195, or a fragment thereof of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides in an array of discrete ESTs or fragments thereof of at least 15 nucleotides in length. In one embodiment, the array includes at least two of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195, the sequences complementary to the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195, or fragments thereof of  
25 at least 15 consecutive nucleotides. In another embodiment, the array includes at least five of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195, the sequences complementary to the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 38-195, or fragments thereof of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides.

Another aspect of the present invention is a promoter having a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 31, 34, and 37.

### **Brief Description of the Drawings**

Figure 1 is a summary of a procedure for obtaining cDNAs which have been selected to include the 5' ends of the mRNAs from which they derived.

Figure 2 shows the distribution of Von Heijne scores for 5' ESTs in each of the categories described herein and the probability that these 5' ESTs encode a signal peptide.

Figure 3 summarizes a general method used to clone and sequence extended cDNAs containing sequences adjacent to 5' ESTs.

Figure 4 (description of promoters structure isolated from SignalTag 5' ESTs) provides a schematic description of promoters isolated and the way they are assembled with the corresponding 5' tags.

### **Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment**

Table IV is an analysis of the 43 amino acids located at the N terminus of all human SwissProt proteins to determine the frequency of false positives and false negatives using the techniques for signal peptide identification described herein.

Table V shows the distribution of 5' ESTs in each category described herein and the number of 5' ESTs in each category having a given minimum Von Heijne's score.

Table VI shows the distribution of 5' ESTs in each category described herein with respect to the tissue from which the 5' ESTs of the corresponding mRNA were obtained.

Table VII describes the transcription factor binding sites present in each of these promoters.

### **I. General Methods for Obtaining 5' ESTs derived from mRNAs with intact 5' ends**

In order to obtain the 5' ESTs of the present invention, mRNAs with intact 5' ends must be obtained. Currently, there are two approaches for obtaining such mRNAs with intact 5' ends as described below: either chemical (1) or enzymatic (2).

#### **1. Chemical Methods for Obtaining mRNAs having Intact 5' Ends**

One of these approaches is a chemical modification method involving derivatization of the 5' ends of the mRNAs and selection of the derivatized mRNAs. The 5' ends of eukaryotic mRNAs possess a structure referred to as a "cap" which comprises a guanosine

generation of oligonucleotides suitable for triple helix formation see Griffin *et al.*, *Science* 245:967-971, 1989, which is hereby incorporated by this reference.

### EXAMPLE 64

5 Use of cDNAs Obtained Using the 5' ESTs to Express an Encoded Protein in a Host  
Organism

The cDNAs obtained as described above using the 5' ESTs of the present invention may also be used to express an encoded protein in a host organism to produce a beneficial effect. In such procedures, the encoded protein may be transiently expressed in the host organism or stably expressed in the host organism. The encoded protein may have any of the activities described above. The encoded protein may be a protein which the host organism lacks or, alternatively, the encoded protein may augment the existing levels of the protein in the host organism.

15 A full length extended cDNA encoding the signal peptide and the mature protein, or an extended cDNA encoding only the mature protein is introduced into the host organism. The extended cDNA may be introduced into the host organism using a variety of techniques known to those of skill in the art. For example, the extended cDNA may be injected into the host organism as naked DNA such that the encoded protein is expressed in the host organism, thereby producing a beneficial effect.

Alternatively, the extended cDNA may be cloned into an expression vector downstream of a promoter which is active in the host organism. The expression vector may be any of the expression vectors designed for use in gene therapy, including viral or retroviral vectors. The expression vector may be directly introduced into the host organism such that the encoded protein is expressed in the host organism to produce a beneficial effect. In another approach, the expression vector may be introduced into cells *in vitro*. Cells containing the expression vector are thereafter selected and introduced into the host organism, where they express the encoded protein to produce a beneficial effect.

(C) IDENTIFICATION METHOD: Von Heijne matrix  
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: score 9.2  
 seq VFLCSLLAPMVLA/SA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 293:

Met Xaa Leu Val Leu Val Phe Leu Cys Ser Leu Leu Ala Pro Met Val  
                   -15                  -10                  -5  
 Leu Ala Ser Ala Ala Glu Lys Glu Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Pro Phe His Tyr  
                   1                          5                          10  
 Asp Tyr Gln Thr Leu  
                   15

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 294:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 89 amino acids  
 (B) TYPE: AMINO ACID  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: LINEAR

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: PROTEIN

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Homo Sapiens  
 (F) TISSUE TYPE: Substantia nigra

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: sig\_peptide  
 (B) LOCATION: -30..-1  
 (C) IDENTIFICATION METHOD: Von Heijne matrix  
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: score 9  
                                   seq FFLLLLFRGCLIG/AV

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 294:

Met Ala Leu Arg Arg Pro Pro Arg Leu Arg Leu Cys Ala Arg Leu Pro  
 -30                                  -25                                  -20                                  -15  
 Asp Phe Phe Leu Leu Leu Leu Phe Arg Gly Cys Leu Ile Gly Ala Val  
                   -10                                  -5                                  1  
 Asn Leu Lys Ser Ser Asn Arg Thr Pro Val Val Gln Glu Phe Glu Ser  
                   5                                  10                                  15  
 Val Glu Leu Ser Cys Ile Ile Thr Asp Ser Gln Thr Ser Asp Pro Arg  
                   20                                  25                                  30  
 Ile Glu Trp Lys Lys Ile Gln Asp Glu Gln Thr Thr Tyr Val Phe Phe  
                   35                                  40                                  45                                  50  
 Asp Asn Lys Ile Gln Gly Asp Leu Ala  
                   55